

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS UNION AND THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB AT CHICAGO IN OCTOBER

Chicago, during the week of October 23rd, will be the gathering place of what is expected to be the greatest meeting of bird men ever held in the great interior region. At that time the American Ornithologists Union will hold its first meeting in the Mississippi Valley and, with the exception of one held in California, the first to be held west of Washington.

The officials of The Union have been under pressure and invitation of western ornithologists for some years to hold a meeting at Chicago, and the coming one is a result of renewed invitations on the part of The Wilson Ornithological Club, The Field Museum, The Chicago Ornithological Society, The Illinois Audubon Society and mid-western members of The A. O. U. As chief host, The Wilson Club will hold only a business meeting and will fuse its usual program features into the program of its guest. All courtesies and coöperation possible will be extended by the latter club to make the meeting a notable one and to make the trip well worth while for members coming from a distance. The business meeting of the W. O. C. will be held on the evening of Tuesday, the 24th, and this will constitute the only official session of that organization. The business meeting of the A. O. U. will be held on Monday evening, the 23rd, and the public sessions will follow on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

A local committee of Chicago men has been appointed to make arrangements and consists of Messrs. Wilfred H. Osgood (Ch.), Percival Brooks Coffin, Ruthven Deane, O. M. Schantz and R. M. Strong. These gentlemen, it is learned, have already scheduled a number of interesting features aside from the program, including the annual dinner, a trip to the unique Sand Dune area on the shore of Lake Michigan, and various optional trips during the latter part of the week. The magnificent new Field Museum of Natural History, on the lake front, will be the place of meeting, and the fine collections displayed therein will be of great interest. The Chicago Academy of Science collections in their museum in Lincoln Park, feature the avifauna of the Chicago area, and these groups are considered models of their kind. The Crerar Scientific Library is particularly rich

in its collection of books and journals pertaining to ornithology and will afford opportunity to visitors to look up many otherwise inaccessible references. As a city, Chicago is a favorite one for conventions and holds much of general interest to the visitor.

A feature of the meeting will be an exhibit of paintings, drawings and photographic studies of birds. The local committee invites correspondence, from those who have meritorious material of the kind, for loan under terms which will guarantee their safe return and without expense. The program is now in process of formation and titles of papers should be sent without delay to Secretary Palmer of The A. O. U. or to Secretary Ganier of The W. O. C.

Bird men from both coasts, the Rocky Mountains, and Canada are expecting to attend and we are urging upon our membership a very full attendance from the central area.

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